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INFLAMMATORY MARKERS AS TOOLS IN THE **DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF DIABETES** MELLITUS AND AS TOOLS TO AID IN THE SELECTION OF AGENTS TO BE USED FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DIABETES

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Applicant hereby requests a Three Month Extension of Time. A check in the amount of \$1810 to cover the RCE fee and the Three Month Extension of Time fee is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this amendment.

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